

SUBSTITUTE SUMMARY OF THE CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

The presently claimed subject matter relates to an improved ready-made textile cover for upholstered furniture of a type which includes a separate cushion cover element having a novel means to allow stretching of that portion of the seat cover which overlies the upper surface of a seat cushion forming part of the upholstered furniture when the cushion is sat upon. The means also serves to return the stretched portion to its original condition when the user arises. The means is incorporated into a rear side panel which is concealed from view when the cover is installed. The rear panel of that part of the cover which encloses the cushion is made in two portions disposed at a mutual angle.

With respect to claim 1 and Figure 1 of the drawing, a unitary cover 10 is provided for an upholstered chair 11 having a seat portion 12 (Specification page 5, lines 1-3); a hollow shell 21, having a peripheral edge 22, and elastic member 23 for contracting edge 22 (Specification, page 5, lines 9-12). The cover includes a plurality of panels 30 (Specification, page 5, lines 9-13), including a rear panel having first and second parts 34 and 35 (Specification, page 5, lines 20-25) lying in separate planes to provide a degree of excess material (Specification, page 6, line 5), the material being normally concealed from view (Specification, page 6, line 10).

With reference to claim 10, dependent on claim 9, excess material formed by parts 34 and 35 are disposed on a lower edge of a back panel 15 of a sofa (Specification, page 5, line 5). A resilient elongated tube 37 (Specification, page 6, line 20, Figures 4 and 5) is positioned over the excess material of the rear panel 34-35 distributing stress over the width of the cover to provide a contractive force over the width of the first and second panels 34-35.